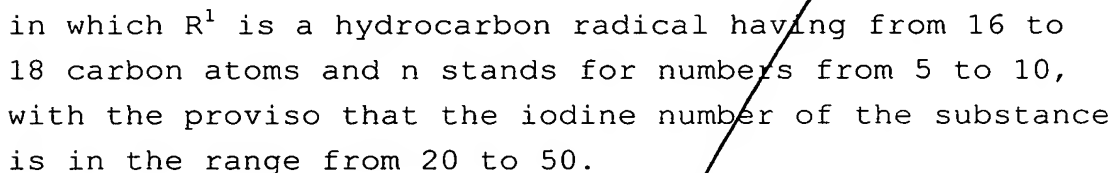


1. A nonionic surfactant of the formula (I)



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with the proviso that the amounts, together, if desired, with small amounts of shorter-chain or longer-chain homologues, add up to 100% by weight.

4. The nonionic surfactant as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, **characterized in that** R^1 is derived from palm stearin raw material.

5. The nonionic surfactant as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 4, **characterized in that** n stands for 8.

6. The nonionic surfactant as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 5, **characterized in that** it has an iodine number in the range from 30 to 40.

7. A detergent mixture comprising

(a) nonionic surfactants of the formula (I)



in which R^1 is a hydrocarbon radical having from 16 to 18 carbon atoms and n stands for numbers from 5 to 10, with the proviso that the iodine number of the substances is in the range from 20 to 50, and

(b) alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides.

8. A detergent mixture comprising

(a) nonionic surfactants of the formula (I)



in which R^1 is a hydrocarbon radical having from 16 to 18 carbon atoms and n stands for numbers from 5 to 10, with the proviso that the iodine number of the substances is in the range from 20 to 50, and

(b) alkyl ether sulfates.

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9. The use of nonionic surfactants as claimed in claim 1 for producing laundry detergents.

10. The use as claimed in claim 9, **characterized in that**
5 the laundry detergents are in liquid or gel form.

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